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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: Patent Application
Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (Clean version):

Please replace Claim 9 as follows:

9. A method for applying a topical anesthetic to an area of
skin, the method comprises the steps of:

- A)
- a) mixing from about 40-80% of alcohol with a mixture
containing:
 - from about 3-40% of lidocaine;
 - from about 0.5 to about 2.0%, preferably about 1.5%
thickener;
 - from about 0.5 to about 2.0%, preferably about 1.5%
emulsiifer; and